MELTON MOWBRAY

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1961

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1961.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, we deal in this Report with matters within our responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine :-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	5,699
Registrar General's Estimated Mid-Year Home Population .	15,900
Number of Inhabited Houses	4,793
Rateable Value	£222,469
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£930

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION

TABLE showing the Registrar General's estimate of the changes in population during the past ten years :-

1952	14,150	1957	14,860
1953	14,260	1958	14,860
1954	14,350	1959	14,870
1955	14,470	1960	15,090
1956	14,520	1961	15,900

		Males.	Females.	Totals.
BIRTHS.				
Live Births:	Legitimate	138	140	278
	Illegitimate	13	5	18
		151	145	296
Still Births:	Legitimate	2	1	3
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
		2	1	3

Birth Rate

	1961
Per 1,000 Population	17.9
For England and Wales	17.4

TABLE showing the changes in the total live births and in the birth rates during the past ten years :-

Year	Total Live Births	Birth Rates per 1,000 population		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1952	262	18.2	15.67	15.3
1953	244	16.8	15.43	15.5
1954	234	16.0	14.51	15.2
1955	242	16.4	14.78	15.0
1956	247	16.7	15.39	15.7
1957	260	17.1	16.49	16.1
1958	234	15.4	16.70	16.4
1959	259	17.1	17.42	16.5
1960	278	18.1	17.76	17.1
1961	296	17.9	18.27	17.4

Deaths

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Number of Deaths	75	103	178

Death Rate

	1961
Per 1,000 Population	10.2
For England and Wales	12.0

TABLE showing changes in the total number of deaths and in death rates during the past ten years :-

Year	Total Deaths	Death Rates (per 1,000 population)		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1952	131	9.1	10.06	11.3
1953	209	14.4	10.05	11.4
1954	142	10.3	10.29	11.3
1955	135	9.7	10.59	11.7
1956	144	11.2	10.29	11.7
1957	152	11.4	10.06	11.5
1958	160	11.2	10.09	11.7
1959	169	11.5	10.20	11.6
1960	205	13.6	10.06	11.5
1961	178	10.2	10.38	12.0

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Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

	Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	3	5	8
Illegitimate	1	1	2

Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks of Age.

Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	1	1	2

Deaths of Infants under One Week of Age.

Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	1	1	2

	1961
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births	33.8
Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales	21.4

TABLE showing deaths of infants under one year and infant mortality rates during the past ten years :-

Year	Total Infant Deaths.	Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 live births		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1952	9	34.4	26.5	27.6
1953	6	24.6	28.0	26.8
1954	9	38.5	28.1	25.5
1955	7	28.9	22.5	24.9
1956	9	36.4	23.17	23.8
1957	6	23.1	23.87	23.0
1958	6	25.6	17.27	22.5
1959	8	30.9	17.97	22.0
1960	8	28.8	19.36	21.7
1961	10	33.8	15.72	21.4

CAUSES OF DEATH.

		Males	Females
1.	Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-
2.	Other Tuberculosis	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-
10.	Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	1	1
11.	Lungs & Bronchus	8	-
12.	Breast	-	4
13.	Uterus	-	-
14.	Other sites	6	9
15.	Leukaemia	1	-
16.	Diabetes	1	1
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	8	19
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	9	8
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	3
20.	Other Heart Diseases	10	15
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	5	11
22.	Influenza	3	-
23.	Pneumonia	5	5
24.	Bronchitis	2	2
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2
26.	Ulcers of Stomach and Duodenum	1	1
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	-
31.	Congenital Malformations	-	1
32.	Other Diseases	9	18
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1
34.	All Other Accidents	-	2
35.	Suicide	1	-
36.	Homicide and Operations of War	-	-
		75	103

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.(Camb).

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

H. Buxton. M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Chief Public Health Inspector and Meat & Food Inspector.

P.F. Raymond.

Appointed Junior Assistant (trainee) on 1st. January, 1960.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester :-

Nose and Throat swabs	14
Faeces and Urine	6
Blood	1
Sputa	34
Waters	2
Food	2
Misc.	2
	61

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1961

Disease	Total cases Notified
Anthrax	1
Measles	200
Pneumonia	8
Poliomyelitis	1
Puerperal pyrexia	2
Scarlet fever	1
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AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1 yr.	1	2	3	4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	TOTAL
Anthrax.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Measles.	5	32	29	27	37	68	-	2	-	-	-	-	200
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	3	8
Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Scarlet fever.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	5	32	29	27	37	70	1	4	2	2	1	3	213

There was no serious epidemic during the year.

Poliomyelitis. The one non-paralytic case of poliomyelitis, a boy aged 9 years, occurred in a family of 7 children. Necessary steps were taken to prevent the spread of infection and there were no further cases.

Diphtheria. Once again it is pleasing to report the absence of diphtheria, and it is now over fifteen years since a case was notified.

Details supplied by the Local Health Authority show that during the year 1961, 308 children received primary immunisation against diphtheria and 166 children were given a 'booster dose'.

Tuberculosis.

Age Groups	New Cases			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 "	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	1	-
25 - 44 "	1	1	1	-
45 - 64 "	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	1	2	2	-

Number of cases on Register at 31st. December, 1961.

	Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	40	32
Non-Pulmonary	7	11
	47	43

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The water undertaking is under the control of the City of Leicester, and the supply has been satisfactory as regards quantity and quality.

Four samples of mains water supplies taken for bacteriological examination were reported as satisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work continued during the year on the sewerage scheme which includes new pumping plant and extensive improvements to the sewage disposal works.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in District at end of 1961 :-

(a)	Pail closets	10
(b)	Water closets	5,500

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Cleansing Department is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor.

House refuse and trade refuse is collected by direct labour for disposal at the controlled tip, and a regular weekly collection of house refuse is in operation.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report :-

Total Number of Complaints received	199
Total Number of Premises at which Defects or Nuisances were dealt with . . .	250

INSPECTIONS AND REVISITS

Animal keeping	20
Bakehouses	12
Dairies	9
Drainage works	52
Dwellinghouses	350
Infectious diseases inquiries	6
Moveable dwellings	10
Food premises	75
Refuse collection and disposal	6
Rodent control	265
Shops	25
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection . . .	725
Smoke control	10
Factories and workplaces	20
Other inspections	40
	1,625

NOTICES

	Housing.	Public Health.
Preliminary		
Outstanding on 1st January . . .	NIL	NIL
Issued during the year	12	11
Complied with during the year .	10	11
Outstanding at 31st. December .	2	NIL
Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st. January . .	16	NIL
Issued during the year	1	NIL
Complied with during the year .	15	NIL
Outstanding at 31st. December .	2	NIL

Shops

Action taken under the provision of the Shops Act. 1950.

Four defects were found relating to sanitary conveniences and washing facilities, and all were remedied during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

(a) Inspection for purposes of provision as to health:

	No. on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices	Owners Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	19	6	-	-
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	80	33	-	-
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	6	6	-	-
	105	45	-	-

(b) Cases in which Defects were found:

	Found.	Remedied.	Referred by H.M. Inspector.
Want of Cleanliness . .	2	2	1
Sanitary Conveniences:			
(1) Insufficient	-	-	-
(2) Unsuitable or Defective	2	2	1
(3) Not separate for Sexes	-	-	-
	4	4	2

(c) Outwork:

There were no instances during the year of outwork in unwholesome premises.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

Publicly Owned.

One children's open air paddling pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is treated by chlorination with controlled dosage.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT

No. of premises licensed 2

No contraventions found.

RODENT CONTROL:

107 minor rats or mice infestations reported or discovered have been dealt with, and surveys carried out in conjunction with these infestations.

Two treatments of the public sewers against rat infestation were carried out.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS:

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

During the year one site licence was issued for a maximum of 20 vans, and in the cases of 3 existing licences for individual vans, temporary planning permission was granted for a period not exceeding two years.

HOUSING:

HOUSING IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE.

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

In Clearance Areas.	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED DURING YEAR	
		PERSONS	FAMILIES
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	25	14
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.,	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	14	20	9
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-	-	-

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED. NIL.

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT & HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local authority	21	-
(12) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts	-	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-
(13) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957) NIL

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT. NIL.

During the year 20 flatlets were built on the cleared site of th New Street Clearance Area.

Rent Act, 1957. Certificates of Disrepair.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair, or for the cancellation of Certificates, were received during the year.

New Houses :	By Local Authority	By Private Enterprise
Number of permanent houses completed during the year	26	148
Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year . . .	164	176
Total Number of Post-War Houses completed	897	749

Occupied Houses:

Total Number of Occupied Houses in District	4,793
Number of Council Houses occupied	1,126

Housing (Financial Provisiona) Act, 1958. Improvement Grants.

(1)	No. of applications for grants received during the year		11
	(a) from owner/occupiers	6	
	(b) from owners of rented property	5	
(2)	No. of applications approved		11
(3)	No. of applications refused		NIL

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

(1)	No. of applications received for standard grants from :- (a) Owner/occupiers	16
	(b) Owners of rented property	6
(2)	No. of properties improved during the year .	15

Housing Applications:

Details of applications on the Register at 31st. December, 1961.

Date of Application	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	Totals
Residing in the Urban District	24	2	11	33	68	138
Residing outside the District	28	8	9	23	39	107
	52	10	20	56	107	245

Applications for elderly peoples dwelling, small accommodation and bungalow type :-

For couples	37	
For single person	44	Total 81.

In order to make the best use of available housing accommodation, including the relief of overcrowding, 14 transfers and 8 exchanges of houses by Council House tenants were approved.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply

Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors

	No. on Register.	No. of Inspections
Dairies.	4	7
Distributors only.	1	2

Ice Cream

Number of Premises Registered:

(a) Manufacture and Retail	NIL
(b) Manufacture only	NIL
(c) Retail only	46

Inspections of the registered premises and vehicles used for the sale of ice cream were made during the year, and were found satisfactory. Most of the ice cream is now sold ready packed.

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning have been notified during the year.

Meat and Other Foods

Number of Slaughterhouses in Area	1
Number of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected . . .	13,770
Number of Inspections of Meat at time of Slaughter	725
Number of Knackers Yards in Area	1
Number of Visits to Knackers Yards	5

New Abattoir

Slaughtering commenced at the new abattoir on 18th. June, 1961.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Total.
Number killed and inspected	1,426	12	107	8,011	4,214	13,770
All Diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned.	-	2	1	15	15	Wt. in lbs. 4,276
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	195	5	-	9	257	3,799
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	13.7%	58.3%	0.9%	0.3%	6.5%	8,075
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	6	-	-	-	25	523
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	0.4%	-	-	-	0.6%	523
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	2	-	-	-	-	34

Total weight in lbs. 8,632

3 tons. 17 cwts. 8 lbs. of meat was condemned during the year, compared with 3 tons. 6 cwts. 46 lbs. last year.

	No. of Visits
Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc., ...	13
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale	65

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year :-

185 lbs. of coconut confectionary; 3 dozen crumpets; 4 dozen fish cakes; 32 lbs. of sausages; 60 lbs. of imported lambs livers and 154 head of poultry.

942 tins, jars and packets of various foods.

No. of certificates issued . . . . . 101.

We have the honour to be
Your obedient servants,

J. YOUNG

Medical Officer of Health.

H. BUXTON

Chief Public Health Inspector.